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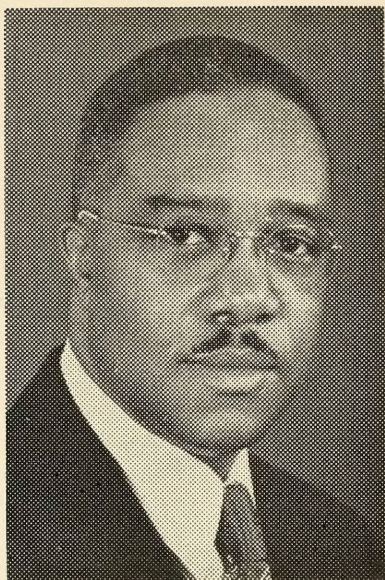


**HOMECOMING**  
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### Greetings:

We are sure that you will be interested in the following information regarding the special events scheduled for this fall and we trust that you will plan early to share the occasions with us.

**ALUMNI INSTITUTE**—Friday, October 23. This is a new feature as a preliminary to Home-coming Day. Its purpose is to acquaint our alumni with the total program of the University. Presentations will be made in morning and afternoon sessions, each to be followed by free and full discussion. The Institute will close with a social event in the evening. If you wish to be brought up-to-date on all phases of the University program we urge you to be present for this Institute. We are asking each alumni club to select delegates to attend the Institute and bring back an official report to the club.

**HOME-COMING DAY**—Saturday, October 24. Shaw University vs. Johnson C. Smith University. Aside from the exciting football game the celebration will include the usual gala parade and other festivities for your enjoyment. Please note that Home-coming will be earlier this year and *not* in conjunction with Founder's Day.

You should plan to arrive on Thursday or early Friday morning. Let us know when you expect to arrive so that we may arrange for your comfort. Lodging will be provided free on the campus to the extent of our capacity, and meals will be served at the nominal student rates.

**FOUNDER'S DAY BENEFIT DINNER**—Thursday, November 19, 7:30 p.m. This is a part of the Baptist State Convention's campaign to raise \$250,000.00 for Shaw University; it will be a grand occasion in which you should share. Patrons' tickets are \$10.00 each and the names of patrons will appear in the souvenir program. Be a patron whether you can come or not. Our goal is \$30,000.00. Checks should be made out to Shaw University.

**FOUNDER'S DAY**—Friday, November 20, 94th Anniversary. The University has had a long and glorious history and is proud of her sons and daughters who are rendering distinguished service throughout the world. The featured speaker will be Attorney Angie Brooks, Assistant Secretary of State, Liberia, West Africa. Miss Brooks is an alumna of Shaw University. The Benefit Dinner and Founder's Day observance should bring in \$50,000.00 for the University. We need the funds in

order to meet our obligations. Generous gifts from individuals and clubs are earnestly solicited.

We are asking all club presidents to call a meeting for the purpose of informing the members regarding our events for the fall. If there is no club in your community please call together the alumni and former students in the area.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,  
*William R. Strassner*  
 President

## HOMEcoming CELEBRATION

October 23, 24, 25, 1959

Pre-Homecoming Alumni Institute, October 23, 1959

Morning Session—10:00 A.M.

Afternoon Session—2:30 P.M.

West Campus Auditorium

Reception, 8:00 P.M., Spaulding Gymnasium

Homecoming—Saturday, October 24, 1959

<i>HOURL</i>	<i>ACTIVITY</i>	<i>PLACE</i>
6:00-8:00 a.m.	Breakfast Social .....	Spaulding Gymnasium
9:00-9:30 a.m.	Panhellenic Coffee Hour .....	Student Center, West Campus
9:30 a.m.	Alumni Meeting .....	West Campus Auditorium
12:00 noon	Pre-Parade Concert Band .....	Spaulding Gymnasium
1:00 p.m.	Homecoming Parade .....	Parade Route
2:00 p.m.	Football Game .....	Chavis Park
8:00 p.m.	Alumni Get-Together .....	Place to be announced

Sunday, October 25, 1959

11:00 a.m. Worship Service ..... University Church

### *SPECIAL GUESTS AT HOMEcoming*

The football team of 1920 will celebrate its 40th anniversary at the Homecoming celebration and will be presented during the half-time show. Mr. C. E. Lightner was the coach. Mr. L. W. "Biggie" Ligon, a member of the team, recalls that this team played three regulation games in five days.



**FOUNDER'S DAY**

November 20, 1959



Program for the observance of the Ninety-Fourth Anniversary of Shaw University, Friday, November 20, 1959.

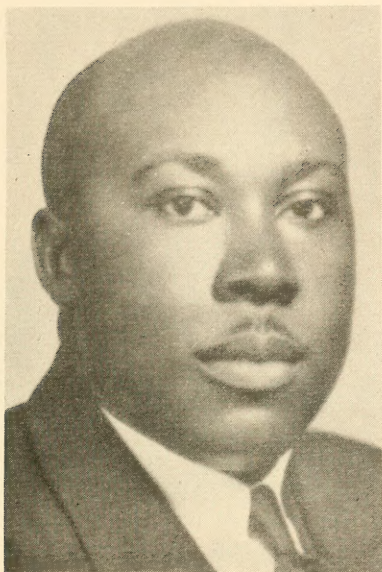
10:45 a.m.—Memorial Service at Founder's Grave

11:00 a.m.—Founder's Day Program University Church  
Address by Attorney Angie E. Brooks,  
Assistant Secretary of State of Liberia  
Monrovia, West Africa

1:00 p.m.—Luncheon—University Dining Hall.

## Alumni Notes

### Named Trustee Chairman



Dr. John W. White, pastor of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Asheville, North Carolina has been named chairman of the board of trustees of Shaw University. Dr. White received the B.A. and B.D. degrees at Shaw and the University conferred the honorary degree doctor of divinity upon him at the Ninetieth Annual Commencement on May 30, 1955.

He has been director of the Baptist Training Union Department of the General Baptist State Convention, served as editor of the Intermediate BTU quarterly, and organized several hundred training unions.

Dr. White is a staunch supporter of Shaw and has assisted approximately 100 students in attending the University. He is vice-president

of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and is also director of a \$250,000 campaign for Shaw.

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### Dr. John R. Larkins Receives More Honors

The North Carolina Federation of Negro Women's Clubs, in their fiftieth Anniversary session, honored Dr. J. R. Larkins, Public Welfare Consultant of Raleigh, Mrs. E. M. Spellman of Elizabeth City awarded Larkins a certificate for meritorious, Christian and civic service to the people of his community, state and country.

Dr. Larkins has been connected with the State Department of Welfare since 1942 as consultant. He has worked closely with the Federation, state agencies, and interested citizens in bringing about what Mrs. Spellman calls "greater awareness of our social responsibility as mature adults of the children of our state."

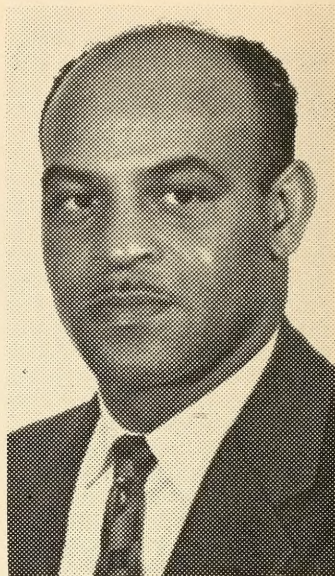
The consultant is credited with having been of invaluable assistance to authorities in establishing the school for mentally retarded Negro children at Goldsboro and the State Training School for Girls at Kinston.



## Receives Foreign Diploma With Honors

Thomas E. Kee, associate professor of romance languages at Shaw University studied for six weeks at the Institute d'Etudes Francaises pour Etrangers in Pau, conducted by the University of Bordeaux at its summer session in Pau. Mr. Kee was selected as one of the seven students to go on a graduate French study tour of Europe, which was sponsored by the Teachers College, Columbia University, New York. At the University of Bordeaux he was placed with a superior group, passed the required examination with honor, and was awarded the De Plome d' etude Francaises Degre Superieur, Universiti de Bordeaux.

Mr. Kee received the A.B. degree at Shaw University in 1947 and the M.A. degree from Columbia University in 1948. He has done further study at Middlebury College, Vermont. He received additional credits toward the advanced degree as a result of the foreign study tour.



The Department of Schools and Colleges of the American Baptist Convention awarded a grant to Mr. Kee for this foreign study.

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## Named Area Directors at Elizabeth City State

The academic area at Elizabeth City State Teachers College will be headed by Dr. Charles Lyons, Jr., who also will be acting dean of the college. A graduate of Shaw University with the A.B. degree in the class of '49, Dr. Lyons received the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees at Ohio State University. He has previously served in the Raleigh Public Schools, in the Juvenile Diagnostic center in Columbus, Ohio, and in Grambling College. Dr. Lyons is a native of Bethel, North Carolina.

Professor Edna C. Mitchell, former head of the English department, has been named director of publications. She received the A.B. degree at Shaw University in the class of 1923. She holds the master's degree from Columbia University, and has done advanced graduate work at Columbia and New York Universities.



*SHAW ALUMNI CHOSEN AS FAMILY OF THE YEAR—Grady D., Jr., Dr. Grady D. Davis, Deryl, Mrs. Dorothy Hick Davis, Psyche Darzette, and Hahatma Ghandi Davis—a happy Family of the Year.*

Congratulations to the Grady D. Davis Family which was chosen Raleigh's Negro Family of the Year, sponsored by the Family Service Society.

Dr. Davis is dean of the Shaw University School of Religion, and minister of Oberlin Baptist Church. He was graduated with the A.B. degree in Religion at Shaw University in 1942. He subsequently served in European Theatre operations until 1946. Afterwards, he studied at Andover-Newton Theological School, Newton Center, Massachusetts and Boston University and was awarded the Ph.D. degree from the latter institution.

Mrs. Davis attended Shaw for three years and majored in Home Economics. As a housewife she finds her academic major a great advantage as she sews for the family, having tailored a summer suit for her husband, which he wears boastfully.

The children have learned early to share in the domestic chores, including cooking and ironing.

The Grady D. Davis family is a very remarkable family!





**SHAW UNIVERSITY'S CLASS OF '29 HOLDS REUNION—**  
*Pictured are some of the members of the Shaw University Class of 1929 who met on the campus during commencement time for a reunion and presented their alma mater with a check for \$500.00. Front row, left to right are, Nixon L. Cannady, principal, Cooper High School, Clayton; Miss Lois Turner, instructor, Fayetteville State Teachers College, Fayetteville; Mrs. Margaret Spivey, Public School System, Fayetteville; Dr. W. E. Merritt, dentist, Clinton; Miss Effie Yeargin, Raleigh School System; A. D. Smith, principal, Newbold Training School, New Bern; Henry D. Cooper, principal, R. L. Vann, High School, Ahoskie; Second row: Samuel L. Parham, White Plains Housing Authority, New York; Mrs. Loretta Bryant Smith, instructor, public School System, Craven County; S. T. Gibson, Manager, Acme Realty Company, Raleigh; Mrs. Abner Aggrey Lancaster, instructor, Salisbury; R. H. Toole, principal, Lockhart School, Wake County; Back row: Henry Black, U. S. Mail Service, Fayetteville; John L. Spivey, principal, Washington Drive Elementary School, Fayetteville.*

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Miss Elma R. Melton of Spring Hope, North Carolina is employed at the John A. Wilkinson High School in Belhaven. Miss Bertha Greene, who is a native of Belhaven, is also teaching at this school. Mr. R. P. Carr, a 1932 graduate is the principal.





Dr. Wayne O. Reed, Deputy Commissioner, U. S. Office of Education, Department of Health Education and Welfare, Washington, D. C., addressed 85 graduates of the class of 1959 at Shaw University on May 25, at the University's ninety-fourth annual commencement which was held in Raleigh Memorial Auditorium.

President Strassner presided.

Honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees were conferred on the Reverend Rufus Irving Boone, minister, Central Baptist Church, Wilmington; Reverend Wendell Randolph Grigg, secretary, department of interracial cooperation, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina; and the Reverend John Robert Rudolph McRay, minister, Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

The University Plaque for Distinguished Service went to Mrs. E. Corienne Brown Calvin of the class of 1929, Alonzo Taliaferro Tuck, class of 1911 (Theological Alumni).

Golden Anniversary Awards were presented to the following members of the class of 1909: Dr. L. P. Armstrong, Rocky Mount; Dr. Henry Blue, New York; Dr. Dennis Branch, Newport, Tenn.; Dr. William P. Carter, Gastonia; Mrs. Ruth Norris Edwards, Durham; Reverend J. R. Faison, Wadesboro; Mrs. Ernestine Pegues Hamlin, Raleigh; Edward Davis Martin, Mount Olive; John Adams Martin, New Bern; Attorney Roger D. O'Kelly, Raleigh; Dr. James A. Tinsley, Weldon; Arthur A. Wall, Rankin, Pa.; N. M. Watson, Memphis, Tenn.; W. H. Whitted, Selma Alabama; and Mrs. Florence McNeil Williams, Shannon.



## Shaw Alumna Accepts New Post



Mrs. Caesarea D. Debnam, graduate of Shaw University, and holder of the M. A. Degree and Professional Diploma in Supervision from Teachers College, Columbia University was appointed to the position of Supervisor of Wake County Schools to succeed Mrs. Odessa H. Roberts, also an alumna of Shaw, who resigned after thirty years of service as teacher and supervisor in this capacity.

Mrs. Debnam, who was a long time teacher in the public schools of North Carolina, served also as Assistant Professor of Education at Shaw University for several years. Her recent experience includes successful teaching in the Durham City System, and visiting instructor of Curriculum and Reading at Fayetteville State Teachers College.

She is the wife of Mr. Henry D. Debnam, Principal of the Spaulding High School, Spring Hope, N. C.

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## Raleigh Shaw Club Presents Virginia State Band In Concert

On April 15, 1959, the Raleigh Chapter of the Shaw University Club sponsored the presentation of the Virginia State Band in a concert as a project to augment the Athletic Fund. The report from the committee was received on May 20, 1959, and was not included in our last bulletin which had already gone to press. We thought that other alumni chapters and members would be interested in knowing about the success of this effort, so we are including the report in this issue and also a picture of some of the members who participated. Indications point to increased loyalty and support among our alumni clubs, which are found all over the country, and their enthusiasm seems to be rejuvenated. With your continued manifestation of love for your alma mater, Shaw University must "move forward!"





*RALEIGH CHAPTER, SHAW CLUB. These are some of the members of the Raleigh Chapter of the Shaw Club who participated in the Virginia State Band project. Front row, left to right: Mrs. Pauline H. Parker, Secretary; Mrs. W. Cathryn High, Vice-President, Mr. R. H. Toole, President; Mrs. Mildred L. Chavis, Treasurer, Mrs. Mary B. Sapp. Second Row: Mr. Frank Watson, Mrs. Addie G. Logan, Miss Mary L. Barnes, Mrs. B'anche A. Rivers, Miss Mildred Wagstaff, Mrs. Ann Hurdle, Mr. H. E. High, promotion chairman. Third Row: Mrs. Eliza Holloway, Mrs. Vivian Brown, Mr. Vernon Malone, Mr. W. W. Hurdle, Mrs. Effie F. Young, Mrs. H. M. Edmondson. Back Row: Messrs. P. U. Watson, Roman Walton, D. H. Keck and C. A. Marriott.*

#### Report of the Virginia State Band Project

##### Receipts:

Sale of tickets .....	\$451.50
Door .....	7.00
Contributions .....	30.00
Total .....	\$488.50

##### Disbursements:

Board, lodging, honorarium to band .....	\$123.70
Irving-Swain Pess (tickets) .....	10.50
Postage .....	2.88
Shaw University Athletic Fund .....	339.50
Total .....	\$476.58

Receipts: ..... \$488.50

Disbursements ..... \$476.58

Balance ..... \$ 11.92

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. M. C. Crockett and  
H. E. High, co-chairmen



## Advanced Degrees Conferred Upon Our Graduates

Information has reached this office that in 1959 advanced degrees were conferred upon Shaw University graduates as listed:

*North Carolina College at Durham:* Master of Arts in education, Dorothy Raines Andrews, Edmond Manier Haywood, Keyster Person and Joseph Henry Walters; English, Annie R. Beasley, Arimentionia Foriest Stephenson. Master of Science in Physical Education, Johnnie Edward Jowers, and Leroy Way. Home economics, Ella W. Reid. Master of Education, Sarah Brinson Best, Louise Beatrice Chavis, Catherine Hall Eason, Josephine Louise Graham, Grayce C. Hall, Fannie Vick Latham, Pattie Mable Smith. Master of Science in Library Science, Cora Washington Artis, Elizabeth Mae Jordan, Sylvia Gregory Miller.

*Ohio State University:* Master of Education, Georgia Anna Bryant Mason.

*Howard University:* Bachelor of Divinity, James Ruffin. Doctor of Medicine, Hobart C. Price.

*University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill:* Master of Education, in physical sciences, Harriett L. Nunn.

*University of Virginia:* Doctor of Philosophy in Education, Lawrence C. Bryant.

*University of Chicago:* Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology, Wilmoth A. Carter.

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According to the June 20, 1959 issue of the Carolinian, Mr. Vernon Clark, class of 1951, has been appointed to a teaching position at Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Clark received the M. S. degree in Biology at North Carolina College and has done further study toward the doctorate at Michigan State University.

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Miss Joycelyn Lynch, sixteen year old daughter of Mr. George K. and Mrs Louise M. Lynch of Brooklyn, New York, has established a precedent by becoming the first Negro girl to be elected president of the student body at Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School in Brooklyn. Joselyn's parents are graduates of Shaw University. Mrs. Lynch is the former Louise Hinton of Raleigh. Mr. Lynch, a realtor, is chairman of the Trustee Board of Janes Methodist Church. Mrs. Lynch is conductor of the junior choir of Janes Church, and is a teacher in the Public School Number 83. Miss Lynch, an honor graduate of Holy Rosary Catholic School, is also a student of athletic ability, having helped the school's varsity basketball team to win two or three victories, and tied another score in a tournament at Brooklyn College early this year.



**CLUB HONOREE'S FATHER PRESENTS SON'S PICTURE TO CHARLOTTE CHAPTER.** Mr. Fred L. Brewer Sr., of Charlotte, presents a 11 x 13 picture of his son Fred Jr. (for whom the club was named) to Mr. Cedric H. Jones, president of the Alumni Club. Brewer, who was a second lieutenant in the Army Air Force, lost his life in the service of his country during World War II.

Standing beside Mr. Brewer is Mrs. Maria Ellis Wynne, Chapter historian. Looking on is Mrs. Bernice Byrd Douglas, former recording secretary of the organization and high school classmate of the deceased honoree.

In 1953 the thirty-two member organization was chartered in honor of the deceased Shawite. Now there are over sixty active members, which include Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Brewer Sr.

Mrs. Maria E. Wynn, in collaboration with Mr. Cedric H. Jones, completed the club's history in April, under the chairmanship of Miss Mae Ella Garrison. A set of by-laws was adopted at the April meeting.

The chapter recently entertained the Baptist Ministers of Charlotte with a fellowship reception at the Phillis Wheatley Y. W. C. A. Mrs. Vermele Diamond Ely and Mrs. Amelia Alexander Lewis, planned the affair. Guest Shawite attending the reception was Miss Rachael V. Jones of the Shepard Shaw Club in Zebulon.

Other activities of the year included a project in the fall which was sponsored by the scholarship committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Walter G. Byers and Miss Eleanor Y. Long.

Other officers are Mr. John H. Kibler, Dr. Spencer E. Durante, Mrs. Sarah Cherry Ballard and Mr. John H. Wilson.



## Wedding Bells Ring For Alumni

Miss Juanita Hicks of Raleigh, who was graduated in 1958 with the A. B. degree with a major in business education, was married on June 27, 1959 to her high school sweetheart Mr. John Baker Jr. of Raleigh. Mr. Baker is a star end with the Los Angeles Rams professional football team. The couple left on July 15, for the west coast.

Mrs. Carrie Hall Drake, class of '41 became the bride of Mr. J. Otha Williams on June 13, at Shaw University's West Campus. Mrs. Williams is a primary teacher at the Fuquay Springs Consolidated School, Fuquay Springs.

Miss Beadie Lucile Griswold, owner of the Deluxe Hotel in Raleigh, was married in June to Mr. Ruffin Lee Paige. The wedding took place at the first Baptist Church.

Mrs. Ruth M. Lawrence (nee Moore) and Mr. Bruce Bethea were married in a quiet ceremony at the home of Mrs. Bessie Moore of Fayetteville Street on Sunday, June 21, 1959.

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Mr. P. U. Watson, counselor at the J. W. Ligon High School, has received a grant for study in the field of guidance. He was one of the two persons selected from the state of North Carolina to participate in the National Defense Counseling and Guidance Training Institute. This is the first year of such an institute which was set up under the qualifications of personnel engaged in counseling or guidance.

Mr. Watson received the B. S. degree, majoring in mathematics, at Shaw University and the M. A. degree from Columbia University. He attended Atlanta University this past summer.

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Dr. James W. Thornton, class of '15 (pharmacy), of Mount Vernon, New York, served as chairman of the arrangement committee for the Independence Day Celebration titled "Salute to the Colonial Town of Eastchester," which was held July 4, 1959 in connection with the New York State "Year of History." Dr. Thornton was master of ceremonies at the interesting program which was highlighted by an address by Honorable Edwin B. Dooley, Congressman, 26th District, New York, and a personal message by President Eisenhower.

# Shaw University

## 1959 Varsity Football Schedule

### HOME GAMES

September 26.....	Virginia Union University
October 3.....	Saint Augustine's College
October 24..... (HOMECOMING).....	Johnson C. Smith University
November 14.....	Lincoln University

### GAMES AWAY

October 10.....	Virginia State College Petersburg, Virginia
October 17.....	Elizabeth City State College Elizabeth City, North Carolina
October 31.....	North Carolina College Durham, North Carolina
November 7.....	OPEN DATE.....
November 21.....	Maryland State College Princess Anne, Maryland

**All home games will be played at Chavis Park—2:00 p.m.**

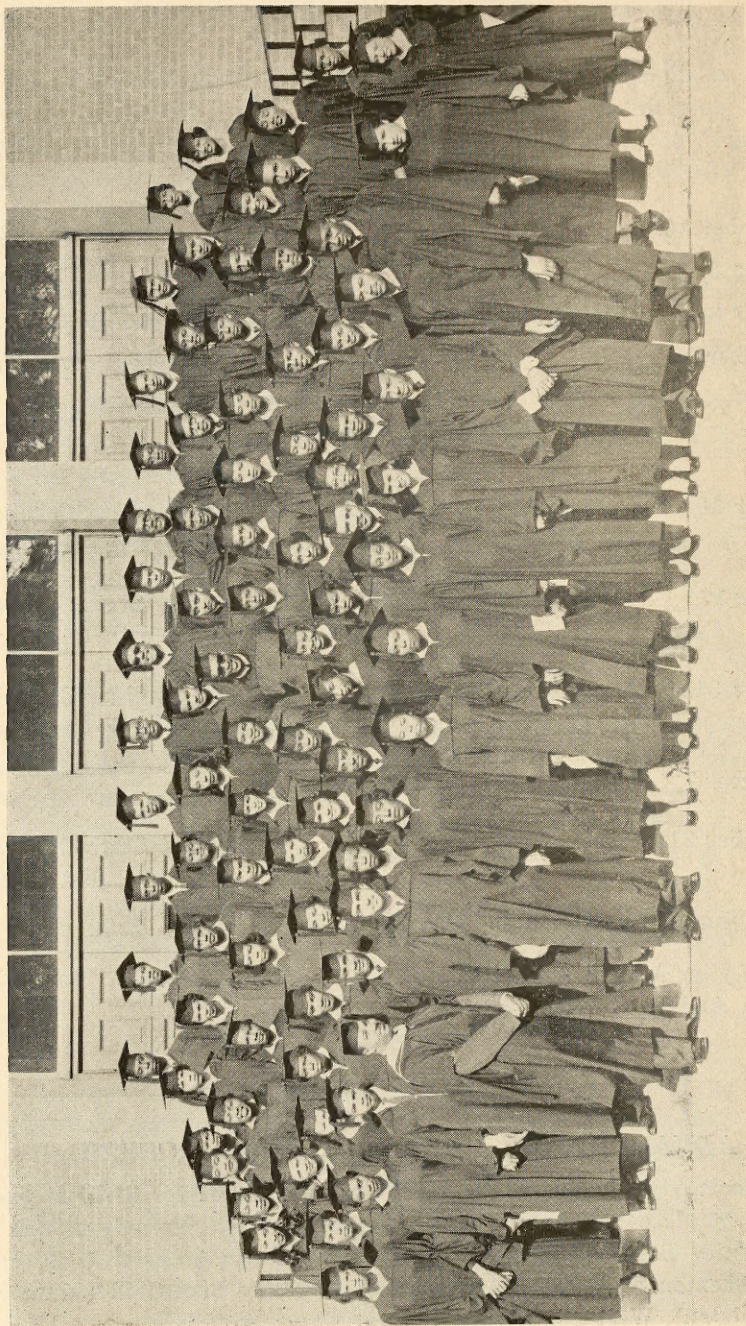
J. E. Lytle, Athletic Director  
Clifton Anderson, Head Coach

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### ADVANCE SALE FOR HOMECOMING TICKETS

Homecoming tickets may be purchased in advance for \$1.75 at the following places: Hamlin Drug Company, East Hargett Street; Community Drug Company, South Blount Street; Webster & Hicks Grill, Edenton Street at Idlewild Avenue; Knotty Pine Grill (Kenney Massenburg), West South Street.





1959 GRADUATING CLASS